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MARVEL TALES

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BRAND-NEW MARVEL TALES!

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"I PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS!"

"THE SHRINKING MAN!"

In 10 Minutes of FUN a day I changed myself

from this Bloodless, Pitiful SKINNY SHRIMP to this NEW MUSCULAR RED-BLOODED HEAD-TO-TOE HE-MAN!

Ken Grimm BEFORE mailing coupon

Ken GRIMM AFTER MAILING COUPON

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3 MIGHTY BACK NOW HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY BACK

4 HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY GRIP

5 HOW TO MOLD MIGHTY LEGS

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THIS THRILLING BOOK WILL ALSO TELL YOU

HOW YOU CAN WIN A BIG 15" TALL SILVER CUP as I just did and how to WIN $100.

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WE ALL HAVE STRANGE DREAMS... BUT WHAT LIES BEHIND THE DREAMS, IS SOMETIMES STRANGER STILL....

I PLUNGED into DARKNESS!

THEN, AS ALWAYS, THE VOID SPLIT OPEN UNDERFOOT WITH JOLTING ABRUPTNESS, AND HE FOUND HIMSELF PLUNGING INTO DARKNESS...ENDLESSLY PLUNGING...

THAT SAME DAY...
PLEASE, DOC... YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!
HMM... IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT! BUT FIRST WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT LIES BEHIND THE DREAM!
WE'LL TRY FREE ASSOCIATION! FORCE YOURSELF TO THINK OF THE DREAM... TELL ME EVERYTHING THAT PASSES THROUGH YOUR MIND!
I-I'M TRYING... BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, MY MIND'S A BLANK!
YOU HAVE A STRONG MENTAL BLOCK! I HAVE A WAY OF DEALING WITH THAT TOO... NARCO-SYNTHESIS!
NOW THE PATIENT WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE TRUTH DRUG!
YOU ARE ASLEEP... ONCE IN YOUR PAST SOMETHING HAPPENED TO CAUSE THE DREAM. TELL ME...
I-I REMEMBER NOW... I WAS NINETEEN YEARS OLD...
"I WAS WILD ABOUT MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING... AND ONE DAY..."
BET NOBODY'S EVER COME THIS HIGH BEFORE!
"THEN, SUDDENLY..."
A CREVASSE! I'M FALLING... THOSE ROCKS DOWN THERE... I DON'T STAND A CHANCE...
BUT JUST IN TIME...
SOMETHING'S GRABBED ME! A HAND.. THAT'S ALL ICE!
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"SHE WAS ALL ICE, THIS GIRL WHO'D SAVED ME! AND SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL..."
A-ARE YOU REAL?
IF I WERE NOT, YOU'D BE ON THE ROCKS BELOW BY NOW! I AM ONE OF THE ICE-BEINGS!
WE ARE THE SECRET DENIZENS OF THE HIGH MOUNTAINS!
SH-SHE'S BEAUTIFUL... I LOVE HER...
I CAN READ YOUR MIND... AND I LOVE YOU TOO!
NO! THIS MUST NOT BE!
HE MUST RETURN TO HIS OWN PEOPLE BELOW!
BUT WE LOVE EACH OTHER!
"THE ICE-MAN DIDN'T SAY ANOTHER WORD... INSTEAD, HE POINTED A FINGER AT ME..."
"AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW..."
I-I'M BLACKING OUT! I'M PLUNGING INTO DARKNESS!
"WHEN I OPENED MY EYES AGAIN..."
WH-WHAT HAPPENED UP THERE? IT WAS SOMETHING BIG... BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS!
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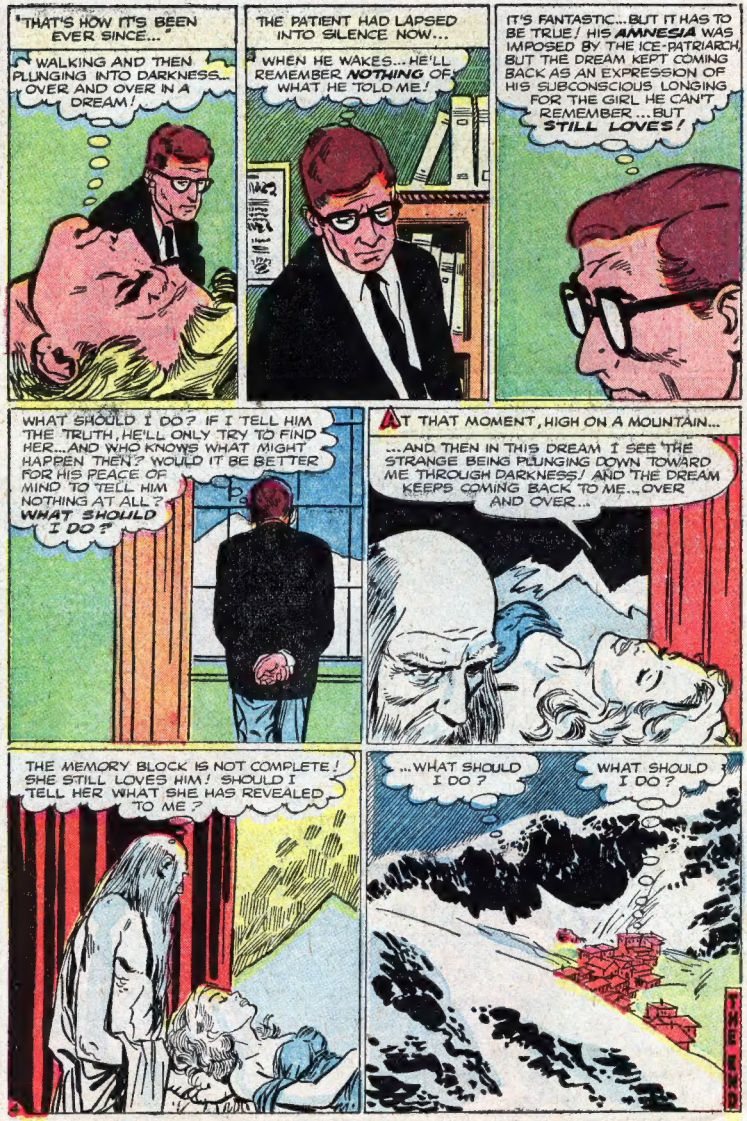
"THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN EVER SINCE..."
WALKING AND THEN PLUNGING INTO DARKNESS... OVER AND OVER IN A DREAM!
THE PATIENT HAD LAPSED INTO SILENCE NOW...
WHEN HE WAKES... HE'LL REMEMBER NOTHING OF WHAT HE TOLD ME!
IT'S FANTASTIC... BUT IT HAS TO BE TRUE! HIS AMNESIA WAS IMPOSED BY THE ICE-PATRIARCH, BUT THE DREAM KEPT COMING BACK AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS SUBCONSCIOUS LONGING FOR THE GIRL HE CAN'T REMEMBER... BUT STILL LOVES!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? IF I TELL HIM THE TRUTH, HE'LL ONLY TRY TO FIND HER... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN THEN? WOULD IT BE BETTER FOR HIS PEACE OF MIND TO TELL HIM NOTHING AT ALL? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
AT THAT MOMENT, HIGH ON A MOUNTAIN...
...AND THEN IN THIS DREAM I SEE THE STRANGE BEING PLUNGING DOWN TOWARD ME THROUGH DARKNESS! AND THE DREAM KEEPS COMING BACK TO ME... OVER AND OVER...
THE MEMORY BLOCK IS NOT COMPLETE! SHE STILL LOVES HIM! SHOULD I TELL HER WHAT SHE HAS REVEALED TO ME?
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THE END

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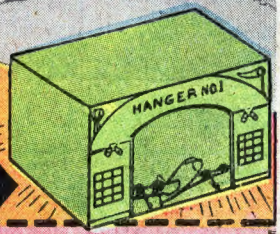

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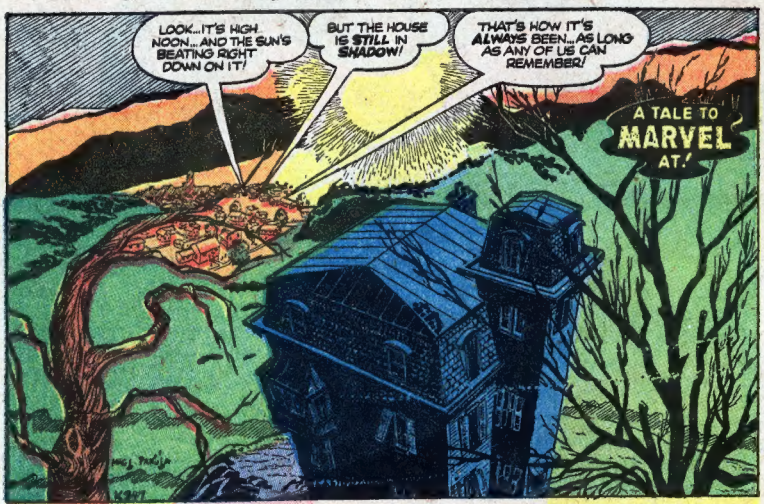
THERE IT STOOD, ON THE MOUNTAIN THAT LOOMED OVER MIDVILLE...A SAGGING, WEATHER-BEATEN HOUSE, ALWAYS SHROUDED IN SHADOW, EVEN WHEN THE SUN SHONE BRIGHTLY OVERHEAD!

THE HOUSE OF SHADOWS!


LOOK...IT'S HIGH NOON... AND THE SUN'S BEATING RIGHT DOWN ON IT!
BUT THE HOUSE IS STILL IN SHADOW!
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN... AS LONG AS ANY OF US CAN REMEMBER!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

THEN ONE DAY, A YOUNG MAN CAME TO MIDVILLE! HIS SMILE WAS SO WARM, HIS WORDS SO KINDLY... THAT THE TOWNSMEN FOUND THEMSELVES STRANGELY DRAWN TO HIM...

HAVE YE NOTICED HOW EVERYBODY'S TAKEN TO WALKING AROUND WITH A SMILE TODAY?
IT'S THAT NEWCOMER! YE JUST STAND NEXT TO HIM...AND YE FEEL GOOD ALL OVER!

SO IT WAS NO WONDER THAT THEY WERE ALL DISMAYED, WHEN THE STRANGER CALMLY SAID...

NO! YOU MUSTN'T GO UP THERE!
NO? WHY NOT?
BECAUSE THE HOUSE IS ALWAYS IN SHADOW! BECAUSE TWENTY YEARS AGO A FAMILY ONCE LIVED UP THERE...
"THEY WERE A WONDERFUL FAMILY! JUST BEING WITH THEM, MADE FOLKS FEEL GOOD INSIDE..."
BUT WHY IS THEIR HOUSE UP ON THE MOUNTAIN ALWAYS SO DARK, MOTHER?
NOBODY CARES! THEY CARRY SUNSHINE WITH THEM WHEREVER THEY GO...THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!
"BUT THEN CAME THE THUNDERSTORM...THAT'S STAYED ON AS MIDVILLE'S BITTEREST MEMORY!"
KRAKK
"FOR AFTER THAT THUNDERSTORM, THE WONDERFUL FAMILY WAS NEVER SEEN NOR HEARD FROM AGAIN!"
IT'S EMPTY...AS IF IT WAS NEVER LIVED IN!
THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, FRIEND! NONE OF US KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED! BUT THERE'S A FEELING INSIDE US THAT MAKES US DREAD THAT HOUSE UP THERE! NONE OF US HAS CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN SINCE THAT DAY!
...FOR WE FEEL THAT THE HOUSE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GLOOM OF ITS EVER-LASTING SHADOW!

A LONG MOMENT PASSED WHILE THE TOWNSMEN EYED THE STRANGER, HOPING THEIR STORY WOULD TURN HIM FROM THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL! BUT THEN...

IT WAS THEN THAT THE OLDEST MAN IN MIDVILLE CRIED OUT...

I REMEMBER MY FATHER TELLING ME WHEN I WAS A LAD...ABOUT ANOTHER FAMILY, OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THAT DISAPPEARED THE SAME WAY!

NOW SURELY THE YOUNG STRANGER WOULD TURN BACK, THEY THOUGHT! BUT INSTEAD...

LATER...

IT TOOK COURAGE TO MOUNT THE SHADOWED TRAIL THAT HAD BEEN SHUNNED FOR SO MANY YEARS...

NOW THEY HAD BURST THROUGH THE DOOR...

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JUNIOR SPACE PILOTS ON THE BEAM!
GIVEN! BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!
WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!
I'M IN A HURRY TO GET BACK TO OUR EARTH BASE, PENNY, THE MAIL MAN'S BRINGING MY NEW CAMERA!
JUMPIN' JUPITER! YOU'RE SURE SIZZLING TH' OL' ROCKET TODAY, TED!
MAIL COUPON
Footballs, Pocket Watches, etc.
SAY! THAT CAMERA SURE IS SUPERSONIC! YOU MUST HAVE STRUCK A URANIUM LODE!
DIDN'T COST ME A DIME- I JUST GOT IT FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!
HURRY AN' GET DE-PRES-SURIZED!
I'VE EARNED A SWELL RADIO AND A TELESCOPE TOO! IT'S EASY SELLING TO YOUR FRIENDS - AND YOU GIVE 'EM THESE SWELL ART PICTURES -
THAT'S FOR ME!
Fishing Outfits . . . Flashlights . . . 1000 Shot Daisy Air Rifles
ACT NOW! HURRY
TRAINING BASE
OUTTA MY JET TRAIL, MATES - I'M MAILING THE COUPON FOR THAT BIG NEW PREMIUM CATALOG NOW!
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LET'S GO!
ACT NOW!
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ACT NOW!
WE TRUST YOU
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Wilson Chemical Co., Dept MM-148 Tyrone, Pa.

THE YOUNG STRANGER WAS FROWNING AS HE RE-MATERIALIZED BEFORE THEIR EYES! HIS VOICE WAS GRAVE...
I KNOW THIS...ALL WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM HERE, CAME FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE FUTURE TO BRING A PITTANCE OF THEIR JOY TO YOUR TROUBLED ERA!
THE EVERLASTING SHADOW HAS MARKED THE HOUSE FOR US AS THE PASSING-POINT FOR TIME-TRAVEL! BUT WOE UNTO YOU... FOR NOW THAT YOU HAVE UNCOVERED THE SECRET... WE CAN COME NO MORE!
THE TOWNSMEN WERE AGHAST AT THE REVELATION...
THE WORLD OF TODAY WILL MISS OUT ON SO MUCH JOY... ALL BECAUSE OF US!
-ALL OUR FAULT!
WAIT! I HAVE A THOUGHT! ACCOMPANY ME TO THE GOLDEN FUTURE...AND THE SECRET WILL BE PRESERVED!
IF WE ONLY COULD!
BUT WE ALL HAVE FAMILY TIES! IN FACT, THERE ISN'T A FAMILY IN MIDVILLE THAT ONE OF US THREE ISN'T RELATED TO!
AND THE TOWN ITSELF WOULD BE HARD TO LEAVE! EVERYBODY IN TOWN LOVES MIDVILLE!
HMM... IF THAT IS SO, THERE MAY BE A WAY TO KEEP ALL MIDVILLE TOGETHER...AND STILL PRESERVE THE SECRET!
TELL US!
WE'LL AGREE TO ANYTHING!
THAT NIGHT, THERE WAS A VIOLENT THUNDERSTORM...AND IN THE MORNING...
THAT HOLE! ISN'T THAT WHERE MIDVILLE ALWAYS WAS?
MIDVILLE'S DISAPPEARED...AND SO HAS EVERYBODY WHO LIVED THERE!
THE END

YES, DR. MARKHAM HAS DISCOVERED A NEW KIND OF MOLD, THE SORT THAT HAS PRODUCED THE MANY ANTI-BIOTICS, THE WONDER DRUGS! BUT THIS MOLD HAS STRANGE PROPERTIES AND THAT'S THE SORT OF THING THAT EXCITES A SCIENTIST! IT CAN ALSO EXCITE HIS ASSISTANT, NOT A SCIENTIST BUT A TRAINED TECHNICIAN... IT CAN EXCITE HIM FOR DIFFERENT REASONS... REASONS THAT CAN LEAD TO VIOLENCE AND HAVE STRANGE REPERCUSSIONS!

THE SHRINKING MAN!

IT WORKS, GENE! A NEW TYPE OF GROWTH PRODUCED BY THE ANTI-BIOTIC MOLD I'VE DISCOVERED! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF WORK WITH THIS NEW MOLD... I KNEW IT HAD SOME OTHER USE BESIDE CURATIVE! THIS IS IT... IT PRODUCES A NEW KIND OF GROWTH!

A THING LIKE THAT SHOULD BE WORTH PLENTY OF MONEY, EH, DOCTOR?

ALE TO MARVEL AT!

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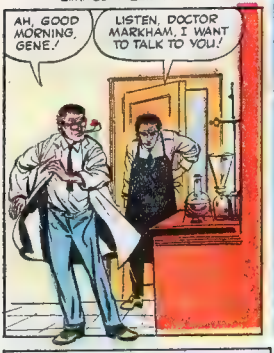
ER, YES, I SUPPOSE IT *IS* WORTH A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY!

SURE, *HE'LL* MAKE A FORTUNE! BUT *I* WAS HIS ASSISTANT! *I* SHOULD GET SOMETHING!

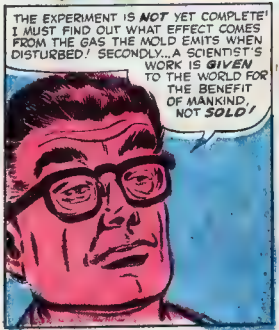
GENE SHOULD GET SOMETHING...HE THOUGHT! AND HE BROODED OVER IT UNTIL IT BECAME AN OBSESSION!

LET THE OLD GOAT HAVE THE ***GLORY!*** ALL I WANT IS THE ***CASH!*** ***I'VE*** SLAVED TOO ON THIS THING...WORKED RIGHT ALONG WITH HIM! I SHOULD AT LEAST GET ***HALF*** OF WHAT IT'S SOLD FOR!

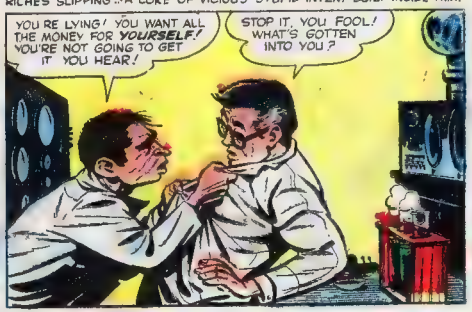
IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM THAT THE DOCTOR WAS TOLERANT OF HIS INEFFICIENCY...THAT ALL HE DID WAS WHAT HE WAS TOLD AND THAT HIS JOB WAS EASY AND WELL PAYING FOR ONE OF HIS LIMITED TALENTS.!



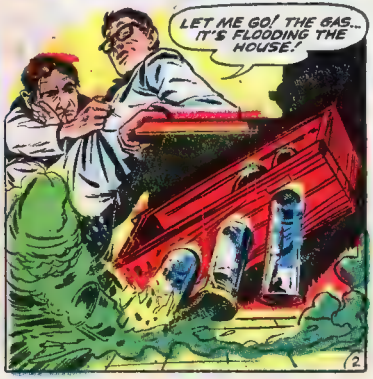
NOW, HOLD ON, GENE! I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A PREPOSTEROUS IDEA! I'M A SCIENTIST, NOT A HUCKSTER!
WELL, IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S ETHICAL FOR YOU TO SELL IT, LET ME! WE'LL CLEAN UP!


THE EXPERIMENT IS NOT YET COMPLETE! I MUST FIND OUT WHAT EFFECT COMES FROM THE GAS THE MOLD EMITS WHEN DISTURBED! SECONDLY...A SCIENTIST'S WORK IS GIVEN TO THE WORLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND, NOT SOLD!

MENTALLY THE AVARICIOUS ASSISTANT SAW HIS OPPORTUNITY FOR RICHES SLIPPING..A CORE OF VICIOUS STUPID INTENT BUILT INSIDE HIM!



THE VIOLENCE GREW, CASTING CAUTION TO THE WINDS, BRINGING RECKLESSNESS IN IT'S WAKE!



THE GAS MASSED INTO CLOUDS, CAUSING THEM TO COUGH! DR. MARKHAM BROKE FREE OF GENE...

COME TO YOUR SENSES, MAN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT EFFECT THIS GAS CAN HAVE!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME WITH WORDS! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHEAT ME OUT OF MY SHARE!

THEN IT BEGAN! SUDDENLY THEY SEEMED TO SHRINK WITH EACH PASSING SECOND...

THE FURNITURE! THE WALLS...

WE... WE'RE *SHRINKING*...THE GAS... *IT'S SHRINKING US!*

IT'S *YOUR* FAULT! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D SPLIT WITH ME! THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU'D BEEN FAIR!

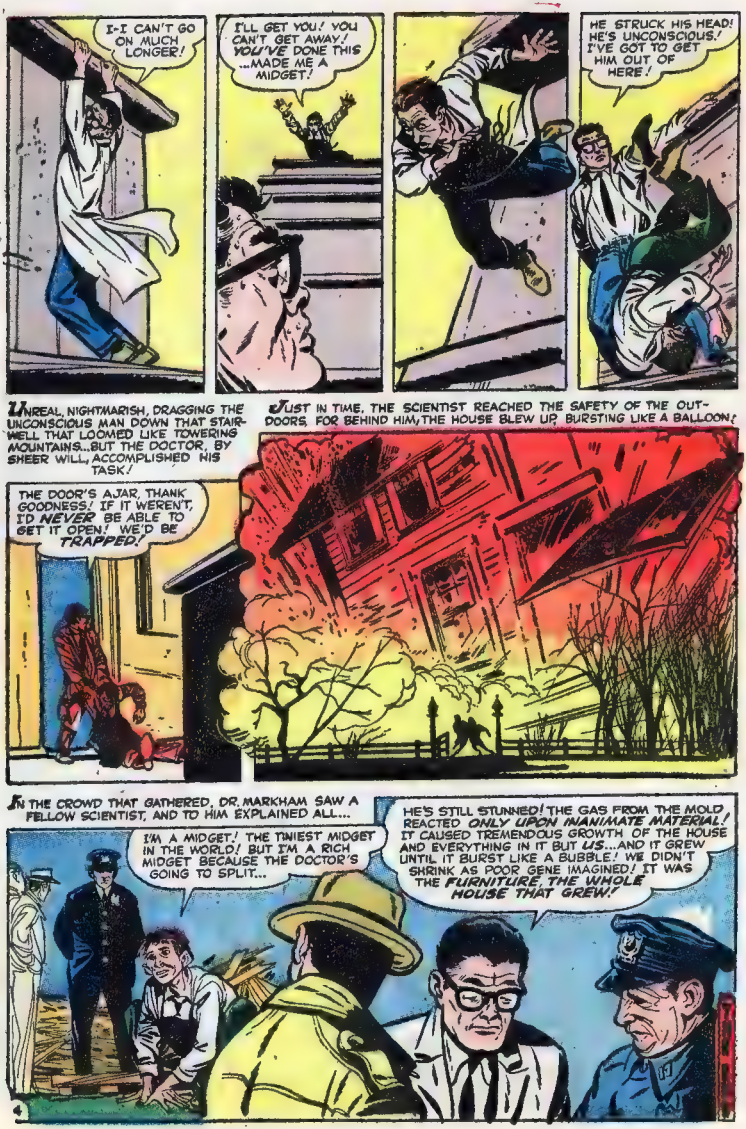
HE'S COMPLETELY MAD NOW! I MUST KEEP AWAY FROM HIM!

IN THIS NIGHTMARE OF INCREASING SMALLNESS, THE ASSISTANT PURSUED DOCTOR MARKHAM...

YOU'VE MADE US MIDGETS!

UP THE HUGE STAIRS THEY WENT, GROWING SMALLER EVERY SECOND!

LIKE TINY DOLLS THEY CAPERED IN IMMENSITY!


I-I CAN'T GO ON MUCH LONGER!
I'LL GET YOU! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY! YOU'VE DONE THIS ...MADE ME A MIDGET!
HE STRUCK HIS HEAD! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE!
UNREAL, NIGHTMARISH, DRAGGING THE UNCONSCIOUS MAN DOWN THAT STAIRWELL THAT LOOMED LIKE TOWERING MOUNTAINS...BUT THE DOCTOR, BY SHEER WILL, ACCOMPLISHED HIS TASK!
JUST IN TIME, THE SCIENTIST REACHED THE SAFETY OF THE OUTDOORS, FOR BEHIND HIM, THE HOUSE BLEW UP, BURSTING LIKE A BALLOON!
THE DOOR'S AJAR, THANK GOODNESS! IF IT WEREN'T, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET IT OPEN! WE'D BE TRAPPED!
IN THE CROWD THAT GATHERED, DR. MARKHAM SAW A FELLOW SCIENTIST, AND TO HIM EXPLAINED ALL...
I'M A MIDGET! THE TINIEST MIDGET IN THE WORLD! BUT I'M A RICH MIDGET BECAUSE THE DOCTOR'S GOING TO SPLIT...
HE'S STILL STUNNED! THE GAS FROM THE MOLD REACTED ONLY UPON INANIMATE MATERIAL! IT CAUSED TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF THE HOUSE AND EVERYTHING IN IT BUT US...AND IT GREW UNTIL IT BURST LIKE A BUBBLE! WE DIDN'T SHRINK AS POOR GENE IMAGINED! IT WAS THE FURNITURE, THE WHOLE HOUSE THAT GREW!

Get Rid of UGLY PIMPLES this new easy way!

Amazing new medicated lotion developed by a doctor works wonders by clearing up complexion in one week or less!

DON'T let a bad complexion ruin romance, spoil your fun, cause you to be embarrassed, shy or ashamed. If you suffer from acne, the common external cause of pimples among young people, try this wonderfully effective medicated lotion that was developed by a practicing physician to clear up his own teen ager's complexion after other methods had failed. It has produced astonishing results for many thousands of others. It is GUARANTEED to help you or it won't cost you a single cent!

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Keraplex is a skin-colored lotion (NOT a greasy salve or ointment!) that is quickly absorbed by the skin and gets right down in the pores where its healing and antiseptic ingredients can go to work. After you have applied it, there is no trace left on the surface. In fact, it makes a perfect powder base for girls and a refreshing after shaving lotion for men . . . actually improves the tone of the skin! It is pleasant and easy to use — leaving your skin soft, clean and fragrant.

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An analysis of RESULTS taken from actual case histories proves that Keraplex is successful in clearing up six of every seven cases of externally caused blackheads and pimples. It tones up the complexion generally, giving it a healthy, radiant glow.

Try This New Method Without Risking A Penny!

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SEND NO MONEY

You need send no money with the coupon below. When postman delivers your Keraplex lotion (in plain wrapper marked "Personal"), deposit with him only the modest price indicated below, plus a few cents postage. Then use your Keraplex morning and night for a full week, following the simple directions which will be enclosed.

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BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.

AFTER

Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.

BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.

AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne . . . and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex . . . was completely relieved."—P. S.

"I have been completely satisfied with your lotion to help clear up the pimples on my face."—K. W.

"I have used Keraplex and for the first time in my life my pimples are clearing up in good shape. I can't thank you enough"—E. S.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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THE MAN FROM NOWHERE

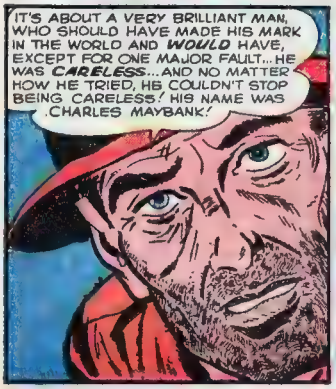
HEY! WHERE DID THIS GUY COME FROM? I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!
I SAW YOUR FIRE, SMELLED THE FOOD! I HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

NOW THAT HE IS CLOSE TO THE FOOD, THE NEW-COMER CAN CONTAIN HIMSELF NO LONGER...

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, COMIN' HERE AND GRABBIN' AT OUR STEW?
TAKE IT EASY, "STRING"! MAYBE HE'S GOT SOMETHIN' HE CAN THROW IN THE POT TOO, LIKE THE REST OF US, AN' GET HIMSELF A SHARE!

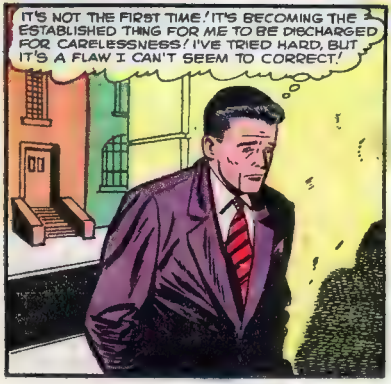
MAYBE HE CAN ENTERTAIN US, WHILE WE EAT AN' IF HE'S GOOD, WE'LL LEAVE HIM A COUPLE OF MOUTHFULS!
YEAH! CAN YUH SING OR PLAY A HARMONICA?

N-NO! BUT I'LL TELL YOU A STORY... THE STRANGEST YOU EVER HEARD! IT'S A TRUE STORY!
ALL RIGHT! BUT IT BETTER BE GOOD! IF IT IS, WE'LL LEAVE YOU SOME STEW!

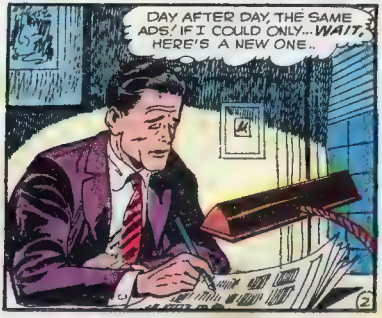

IT'S ABOUT A VERY BRILLIANT MAN, WHO SHOULD HAVE MADE HIS MARK IN THE WORLD AND WOULD HAVE, EXCEPT FOR ONE MAJOR FAULT...HE WAS CARELESS...AND NO MATTER HOW HE TRIED, HE COULDN'T STOP BEING CARELESS! HIS NAME WAS CHARLES MAYBANK!

HIS WORDS FORM PICTURES AND TELL US THAT THIS MAN IS NOT AN ORDINARY HOBO WHO TELLS US THIS STORY...

MAYBANK.. YOU'RE A BRILLIANT MAN! I'VE OVERLOOKED YOUR CARELESSNESS, BUT THIS TIME, I CAN'T! I'VE GOT TO DISCHARGE YOU!
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY, TOO!


IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME! IT'S BECOMING THE ESTABLISHED THING FOR ME TO BE DISCHARGED FOR CARELESSNESS! I'VE TRIED HARD, BUT IT'S A FLAW I CAN'T SEEM TO CORRECT!

"SO ONCE AGAIN CHARLES MAYBANK FACED THE ORDEAL OF TRYING TO FIND A JOB FOR HIS TALENTS! WHAT LITTLE SAVINGS CHARLES POSSESSED, VANISHED! HE WAS HARD-PRESSED."



WANTED: A MAN WITH A BRILLIANT MIND AND SPECIAL TALENTS! MUST BE ABLE RESEARCHER AND CAPABLE OF TRANSLATING GREEK, ARABIC, EGYPTIAN AND MANY ANCIENT LANGUAGES! PROFESSOR F. LARKIN 12 MAYBERRY LANE AFTER SIX O'CLOCK!

"CHARLES ARRIVED AT PROFESSOR LARKIN'S HOUSE PROMPTLY AT SIX AND WAS USHERED INTO HIS STRANGE DWELLING..."

I AM A SCIENTIST, DELVING INTO SORCERY, WITCHCRAFT, MYSTICISM, TO FIND A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THOSE ANCIENT SPELLS AND MODERN SCIENTIFIC PHENOMENA'

"THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED CHARLES' APTITUDE FOR SUCH WORK' AS HE TALKED, A STRANGE ATTRACTION SEEMED TO COME TO CHARLES FROM THE MUSTY, BLACK ART TOMES.."

MR MAYBANK, I THINK YOU *ARE* FITTED TO ASSIST ME IN MY RESEARCH! THE POSITION IS YOURS'

SOMEHOW I FEEL I SHOULD GET UP AND RUN FROM THIS HOUSE.. BUT I NEED THE JOB SO BADLY'

"SO CHARLES, THIS CARELESS, BUT BRILLIANT MAN, BEGAN WORK AT HIS NEW JOB..."

PROFESSOR, I FEEL THAT THESE LAST FINDS WE'VE MADE SHOW THERE *IS* SOME BASIS FOR BELIEF IN THE POWERS OF BLACK MAGIC'

IT MAY BE' NOW WHERE ARE THOSE NOTES?' HAVE YOU MISLAID THEM AGAIN, CHARLES?

"TIME WENT ON! CHARLES LIVED IN THE OLD HOUSE WITH PROFESSOR LARKIN' HE BECAME ABSORBED IN THE WORK, FEELING A QUEER RELATIONSHIP TO THE OCCULT AND ANCIENT BLACK ARTS..."

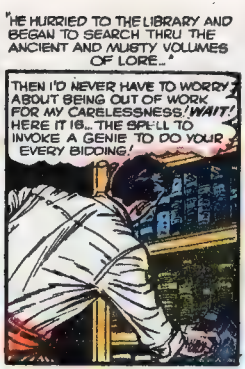
IT SAYS HERE THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH THE POWER TO INVOKE THE NON-HUMAN BEINGS WHO EXIST IN LIMBO ON ANOTHER SPHERE.. I WONDER, CAN IT BE THAT *I* AM SUCH A PERSON, AND THAT'S WHY I FEEL THIS STRANGE RELATIONSHIP TO.. *OHH!*'

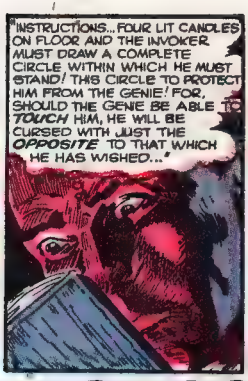
CHARLES, YOU ARE A BRILLIANT MAN, BUT I CAN'T ENDURE THIS CARELESSNESS OF YOURS ANY LONGER' YOU HAVE RUINED THREE YEARS OF RESEARCH' TOMORROW, YOU MUST *GO!*

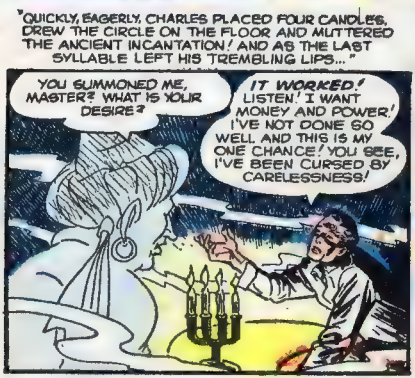
"CHARLES LAY IN HIS BED, FACING ONCE AGAIN THE DILEMMA THAT HAD BESET HIM ALL HIS DAYS."

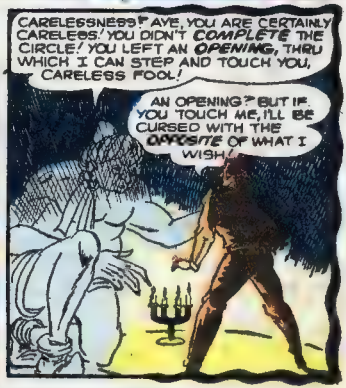
WHERE WILL I FIND ANOTHER JOB? I SEEMED TO HAVE A FEEL FOR THIS RESEARCH, AS THOUGH...

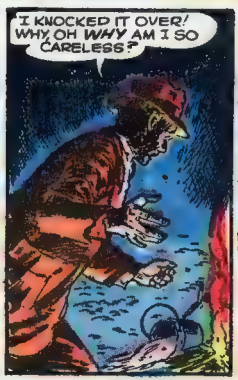
THAT'S IT! OUR RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT MAGIC MIGHT HAVE BEEN A FACT. SUPPOSE IT WAS AND I AM ADEPT AND NEVER KNEW IT? WHY DON'T I TRY TO INVOKE SOME GENIE THAT WOULD GIVE ME WEALTH AND POWER?


HE HURRIED TO THE LIBRARY AND BEGAN TO SEARCH THRU THE ANCIENT AND MUSTY VOLUMES OF LORE...
THEN I'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING OUT OF WORK FOR MY CARELESSNESS! WAIT! HERE IT IS... THE SPELL TO INVOKE A GENIE TO DO YOUR EVERY BIDDING!


INSTRUCTIONS... FOUR LIT CANDLES ON FLOOR AND THE INVOKER MUST DRAW A COMPLETE CIRCLE WITHIN WHICH HE MUST STAND! THIS CIRCLE TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE GENIE! FOR, SHOULD THE GENIE BE ABLE TO TOUCH HIM, HE WILL BE CURSED WITH JUST THE OPPOSITE TO THAT WHICH HE HAS WISHED...'


QUICKLY, EAGERLY, CHARLES PLACED FOUR CANDLES, DREW THE CIRCLE ON THE FLOOR AND MUTTERED THE ANCIENT INCANTATION! AND AS THE LAST SYLLABLE LEFT HIS TREMBLING LIPS..."
YOU SUMMONED ME, MASTER? WHAT IS YOUR DESIRE?
IT WORKED! LISTEN! I WANT MONEY AND POWER! I'VE NOT DONE SO WELL AND THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN CURSED BY CARELESSNESS!


CARELESSNESS? AYE, YOU ARE CERTAINLY CARELESS! YOU DIDN'T COMPLETE THE CIRCLE! YOU LEFT AN OPENING, THRU WHICH I CAN STEP AND TOUCH YOU, CARELESS FOOL!
AN OPENING? BUT IF YOU TOUCH ME, I'LL BE CURSED WITH THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I WISH!



TEARS FORMED IN THE EYES OF THE HOBO WHO WAS CHARLES MAYBANK, THE MAN WHO WAS CURSED WITH CARELESSNESS, THE MAN WHO HAD WANTED WEALTH AND POWER... BUT FOR HIS CARELESSNESS, WAS CURSED WITH JUST THE OPPOSITE.

THE END

THE RECIPE

JOSIE was a tomboy. From the time little girls usually cuddle dolls, Josie cuddled a baseball. Fancy ball dresses were objects of complete disdain to her. Although Josie's mother hoped that someday her little girl would outgrow this phase, she had visions of Josie a hundred years from now hobbling out onto the baseball diamond for her turn at bat.

"I don't know where you get all that energy from," her mother commented one day. "I see all the other little girls reading fairy tales, preparing for their future . . ."

Josie wrinkled her freckled nose.

"That bores me," she replied in a condescending voice. "I'd sooner give myself a physical workout."

To Josie's surprise, her mother promptly put a broom in her hands.

"Very well then," her mother said, taking advantage of the situation. "You can sweep the front porch for me."

When Miss White, the next door neighbor dropped by, Josie overheard her comments. To her dismay, Miss White suggested a practical plan to use on Josie.

"You must cultivate Josie's interest in feminine pursuits," said Miss White knowingly. "Perhaps you could start her on embroidery work. Eventually she'll show an interest in things like cooking, too, and you can relax and not worry about Josie any more."

She certainly hoped her mother would "relax" in time for her to get out of the house that Saturday afternoon for the gang's baseball game! She could just see herself daintily sewing away with needle and thread instead of sliding into home in a victorious cloud of dust! Josie sighed and decided then and there to use strategy. If it would make her mother happy for Josie to show an active interest in feminine pursuits, there would be nothing wrong with it. That certainly seemed like the best idea.

The following day Josie took part of her allowance and went to a second-hand book store she knew. Open tables of worn books were set up in the store. Josie looked over them carefully.

"Do you have any used cook books?" she asked the proprietor.

"Haven't seen any about here lately," he replied, "unless some came in with the batch of books I bought today. I haven't gone through all of them yet. They're on the floor in the corner, though, if you want to dig into them."

Josie looked doubtfully at the pile of books he pointed out. Most of them were falling apart, and their bindings were so badly worn that Josie doubted she would ever find what she wanted there. But she decided that she couldn't afford to let the opportunity pass.

Carefully, she knelt down and looked over the list of titles. To her delight she found exactly what she wanted! It was a chunky leather-bound book with the gilt lettering of the title partly rubbed off. The first two words she couldn't make out at all, but the last two said "cook book." The proprietor asked for ten cents for the book, and off she went whistling happily.

When she got to her house, she slowed down from a racing pace to a dignified walk. She waved her hand and smiled sweetly to her mother.

"What have you been up to?" her mother asked suspiciously.

"I bought a cook book," said Josie. "You see, I've been thinking things over and I decided I really should take more of an interest in these things.

"Why, that's simply wonderful, Josie," her mother beamed. "Would you like to use the kitchen yourself or shall I help you."

"Oh, I can manage by myself," said Josie confidently.

Her mother hesitated. "Well, you call me if you're in doubt about anything."

A short time later, Josie's mother heard sounds of activity from the kitchen and smiled to herself. Josie was certainly changing in her enthusiasm for the domestic routine. She was tempted to look in and see what was going on, but she felt that Josie was old enough to handle her responsibilities. Then, too, the satisfaction she would get from doing the job herself would be lessened if her mother helped her now.

A short time later, Josie joined her mother on the porch. Her freckled face had a wide grin, and her eyes were dancing.

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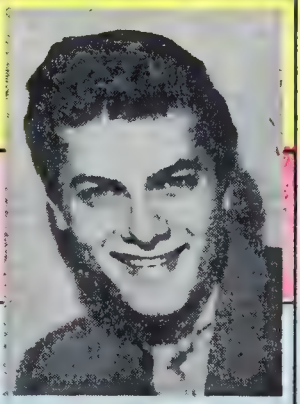

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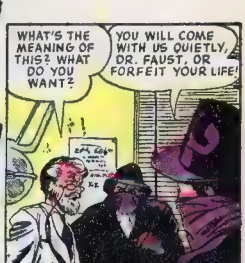
HE WAS THE RECOGNIZED DEAN OF WORLD SCIENTISTS! FOUR DECADES OF EARTH-SHAKING INVENTIONS LAY BEHIND HIM! WHAT OCCUPIED HIS MASSIVE BRAIN NOW? WOULD THE WORLD BENEFIT, OR GO SMASH?

ULTIMATE WEAPON



THE AGED SCIENTIST WAS HANDLED WITH GREAT CARE...
I UNDERSTAND, BROTHER STARVIC! I'M STILL AMAZED WE CARRIED IT OFF! IMAGINE THE GREATEST SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD... NOW IN OUR COUNTRY'S POSSESSION!
EASY, MIKAIL! IF WE INJURE HIM, WE'LL BE SORRY! THE CENTRAFORM WANTS HIM INTACT!

I'VE SLAVED OVER THIS EQUATION FOR SIX MONTHS, BUT IT WON'T WORK OUT! IT MUST! ALL I NEED IS A FEW WEEKS OF PEACE AND QUIET WITHOUT CONFERENCES, TELEPHONES AND DISTRACTIONS! HMM... THE SPEED OF LIGHT... NOTHING TO TOY WITH, BUT PERHAPS IT CAN BE ATTAINED! YES... IF I AM NOT DISTURBED...
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
VIC CARRABOTTA
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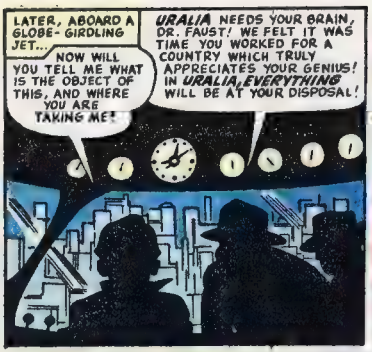
LATER, ABOARD A GLOBE-GIRDLING JET...
NOW WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF THIS, AND WHERE YOU ARE TAKING ME?
URALIA NEEDS YOUR BRAIN, DR. FAUST! WE FELT IT WAS TIME YOU WORKED FOR A COUNTRY WHICH TRULY APPRECIATES YOUR GENIUS! IN URALIA, EVERYTHING WILL BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

...EXCEPT FREEDOM, I SUPPOSE! WHAT IF I REFUSE TO COOPERATE?
IN URALIA, EVERYONE COOPERATES! WE HAVE NO DISSENTERS! THERE ARE MEANS OF OBTAINING COOPERATION! BUT THAT IS NOT MY DEPARTMENT! THE CENTRAFORM WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!
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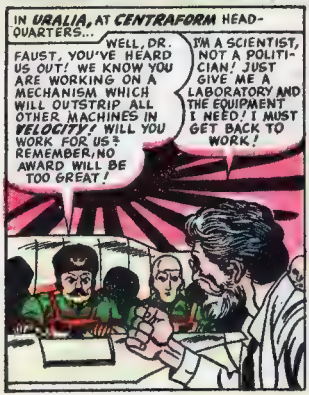
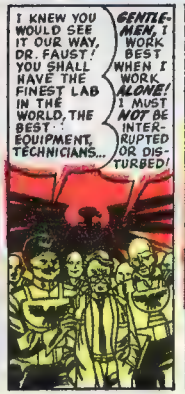
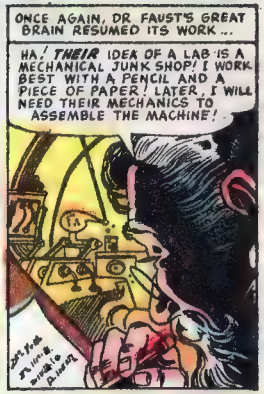
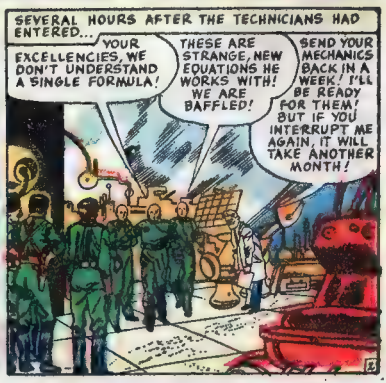
VVVVRRRRR


IN URALIA, AT CENTRAFORM HEADQUARTERS...
WELL, DR. FAUST, YOU'VE HEARD US OUT! WE KNOW YOU ARE WORKING ON A MECHANISM WHICH WILL OUTSTRIP ALL OTHER MACHINES IN VELOCITY! WILL YOU WORK FOR US? REMEMBER, NO AWARD WILL BE TOO GREAT!
I'M A SCIENTIST, NOT A POLITICIAN! JUST GIVE ME A LABORATORY AND THE EQUIPMENT I NEED! I MUST GET BACK TO WORK!


I KNEW YOU WOULD SEE IT OUR WAY, DR. FAUST! YOU SHALL HAVE THE FINEST LAB IN THE WORLD, THE BEST EQUIPMENT, TECHNICIANS...
GENTLEMEN, I WORK BEST WHEN I WORK ALONE! I MUST NOT BE INTERRUPTED OR DISTURBED!


ONCE AGAIN, DR. FAUST'S GREAT BRAIN RESUMED ITS WORK...
HA! THEIR IDEA OF A LAB IS A MECHANICAL JUNK SHOP! I WORK BEST WITH A PENCIL AND A PIECE OF PAPER! LATER, I WILL NEED THEIR MECHANICS TO ASSEMBLE THE MACHINE!

AS WEEKS PASSED, THE CENTRAFORM GREW ANXIOUS...
I DON'T CARE WHAT DR. FAUST SAID! IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE WE HEARD FROM HIM! WE MUST KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
THEN WE WILL! OUR TECHNICIANS WILL GO IN TO CHECK HIS WORK!
PRIVATE DR. FAUST


SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE TECHNICIANS HAD ENTERED...
YOUR EXCELLENCIES, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND A SINGLE FORMULA!
THESE ARE STRANGE, NEW EQUATIONS HE WORKS WITH! WE ARE BAFFLED!
SEND YOUR MECHANICS BACK IN A WEEK! I'LL BE READY FOR THEM! BUT IF YOU INTERRUPT ME AGAIN, IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER MONTH!

TRUE TO HIS WORD, DR. FAUST SENT FOR HIS TECHNICIANS WHEN HE WAS READY...
BE CAREFUL! PART A IS JOINED WITH B! THE ENTIRE SECTION MUST FIT WITH ONE-TEN-THOUSANDTH EXACTNESS! AND WATCH THOSE COILS!
YES, DR. FAUST! VERY GOOD, DR. FAUST!
AND AT THE APPOINTED TIME, THE CENTRAFORM WAS SUMMONED...
THINK! THE FASTEST MACHINE IN THE WORLD! OUR WEAPONS AND MISSILES CAN NEVER BE STOPPED NOW!
IMAGINE, WE'LL BRING EVERY ENEMY TO HIS KNEES! WE'LL PUSH A BUTTON AND EVERY MAJOR CITY IN THEIR LANDS WILL BE DESTROYED BEFORE THEY CAN PREPARE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!
BUT WE TRUST YOU, DR. FAUST! YOU REALLY DON'T NEED US TO PERFORM THE TEST! THINK OF THE DANGER!
NONSENSE... WOULD I ENDANGER MY OWN LIFE? I ASSURE YOU IT'S ABSOLUTELY SAFE! THINK OF THE HISTORY YOU'LL BE MAKING... THE FIRST MEN TO TRAVEL AT SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED! COME IN!
YOU'RE SURE THERE IS NO DANGER? NO ACCIDENT CAN HAPPEN?
YOU WON'T FEEL A THING! NOW I'LL JUST PUSH THIS LEVER... AND WE'RE OFF!
ALL THAT THE ASTOUNDED ONLOOKERS SAW WAS A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT... AND THE MACHINE WAS GONE!
OH, WHAT LIGHT!
IT'S BLINDING!
LOOK... THEY'RE GONE!
AND ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, THE MECHANISM HALTED SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES AWAY, CLOSE TO DR. FAUST'S ORIGINAL LABORATORY...
I FELT A JAR! WE'VE STOPPED! WHERE ARE WE, DR. FAUST?
WE'VE JUST TRAVELED SIX THOUSAND MILES AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT! LOOK AROUND YOU, GENTLEMEN! WE'RE IN MY COUNTRY... ARMY HEADQUARTERS! I ADVISE YOU TO LISTEN TO REASON!
PUMP!
EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH DIVISION U.S. ARMY HQ
AS THE DAZED CENTRAFORM GROUP WAS LED TO COMMAND HEADQUARTERS...
I KNOW THIS IS A BIT OF A SHOCK, GENERAL SCOTT, BUT I'LL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS LATER! I SPENT A VERY PROFITABLE THREE MONTHS IN URALIA, WHOSE LEADERS I'VE BROUGHT WITH ME... IN MY TELEPORTATION TIME MACHINE! THEY HAVE COME TO TALK PEACE! IS THAT CORRECT, GENTLEMEN?
TELEPORTATION TIME MACHINE?
YES.. THAT'S WHY WE CAME! OF COURSE, WE MUST TALK PEACE! THE TIME MACHINE HAS ALTERED THE WHOLE WORLD SITUATION!
WOW!
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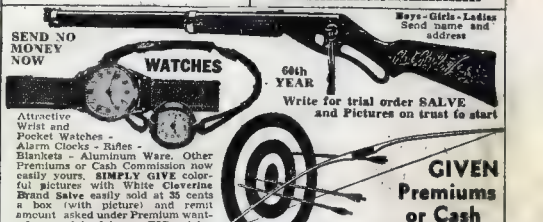

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"You know something?" she said, "I never knew that cooking could be so much fun. One of those recipes I'm trying sounds simply great. The guy who wrote the book must have had quite a sense of humor though. How in the world can you stir a cat's meow into a kettle?"

"What did you say?" asked her mother curiously.

At that moment their house pet, Whiskers, the cat, jumped up on the porch and purred Hello.

"I think it's sort of crazy, but then I haven't done much cooking before," Josie admitted. "I found part of a crow's nest in my room luckily. It's the one I saved from the time we were in the country last year."

"What in the world have you been cooking?" her mother demanded. And with that she rushed into the house and toward the kitchen. Josie followed and Whiskers padded behind them.

A large kettle was on the stove simmering away. Clouds of steam poured from it, and Josie took up her cooking spoon with as much determination as she had when wielding a baseball bat. She stirred the liquid in the pot, and at that moment Whiskers let out a long "Meo-ow."

Suddenly, the broom closet door swung open. The broom actually *flew* through the air and sailed out the window! Suddenly, in the living room the shades on all the windows started to spin and flap. And then, of all things, from the upstairs part of the house came the sound of martial music that sounded as if the Army band were conducting a full scale parade.

"What's going on here?" Josie's mother demanded. She waved her hands in the air excitedly just in time to catch two bouquets of flowers that sailed from their vases in the living room smack into her!

Suddenly the broomstick vaulted back into the kitchen and this time with the precision of a dive bomber, plunged downwards and skidded across the floor to where Whiskers was sitting. Whiskers was lifted up onto the broomstick and zoomed overhead. He purred contentedly and seemed to thor-

oughly enjoy this new aerial view of things!

"I don't understand this," said Josie, looking around her in amazement.

"Well, I do!" exclaimed her mother taking a good look at the cook book Josie was using. With capable hands she took two pot holders and got a firm grip on the boiling kettle. Despite Josie's squeals of protest she took the pot, marched to the back door and tossed the contents into the compost heap.

The noisy music stopped. The shades at the windows flapped into place. The last strange sound was the sudden plop of the broomstick and an indignant "Meow" from Whiskers as his aerial broom crash-landed him with a skid across the waxed kitchen floor.

"If you had stopped to read the title of this book carefully this wouldn't have happened," Josie's mother scolded.

Josie peered closely, and suddenly she realized that the faint letters of the first two words read, "Witches' Magic."

"My goodness," she gasped, "the Witches' Magic Cook Book."

"And the recipe you were brewing was probably a concoction used to haunt houses," her mother said indignantly. "I might have known your sudden interest in cooking would have ended up in mischief."

"But my motives were good," Josie protested although she blushed with shame.

Suddenly her mother smiled understandingly.

She walked over to Josie and lovingly adjusted the halo glittering above her daughter's head. She then used her wand to straighten her own.

"Someday you young people in Fairyville will understand why we older fairies had to banish the witches and their foolish tricks. They were really giving our place a bad name. Next time be more careful about the cook book you use. I should have known when you mentioned crow's nest and a cat's meow what was going on. All our recipes call for flower petals and dewdrops, not that silly stuff you mentioned! Well, go out and play with your friends now. By the time you're old enough to graduate from school and get your fairy-wand, you'll have stopped being a tomboy, I hope."

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BY GUILE AND TREACHERY, ALEX HARTLEY HAD RISEN TO THE HEAD OF A LARGE INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION! HE WAS A MAN HUNGRY FOR POWER! BUT ONLY SO MUCH POWER CAN BE GRASPED BY A MAN IN ONE LIFETIME! THEN HARTLEY FOUND THE ANSWER...THE ANSWER TO IMMORTALITY...

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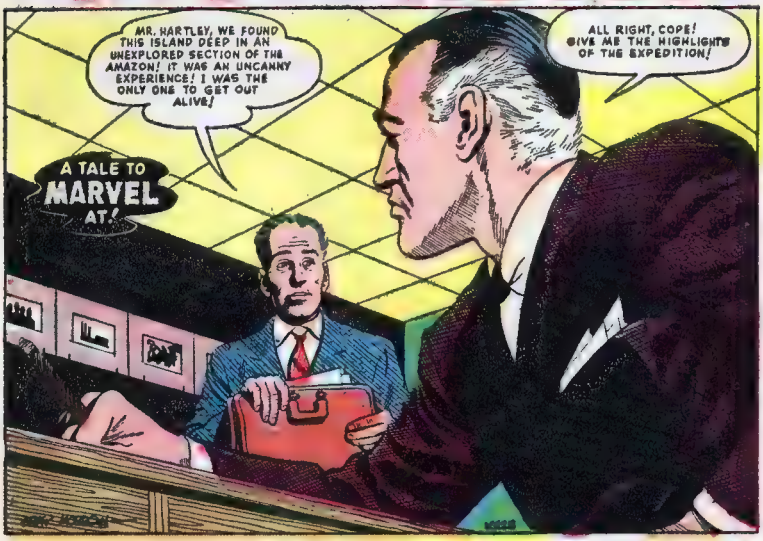
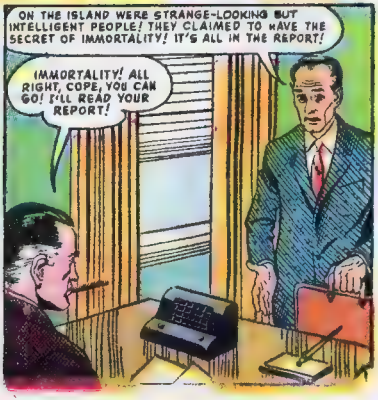

MR. HARTLEY, WE FOUND THIS ISLAND DEEP IN AN UNEXPLORED SECTION OF THE AMAZON! IT WAS AN UNCANNY EXPERIENCE! I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO GET OUT ALIVE!
ALL RIGHT, COPE! GIVE ME THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXPEDITION!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I WAS THE LEADER OF ONE OF MANY EXPEDITIONS SENT OUT BY THIS COMPANY TO FAR CORNERS OF THE WORLD TO SEARCH FOR PRECIOUS MINERALS, STONES OR OIL! OUR GROUP WAS SENT INTO UNEXPLORED TERRITORY ALONG THE AMAZON! THAT'S WHERE WE FOUND THE ISLAND...


ON THE ISLAND WERE STRANGE-LOOKING BUT INTELLIGENT PEOPLE! THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY! IT'S ALL IN THE REPORT!
IMMORTALITY! ALL RIGHT, COPE, YOU CAN GO! I'LL READ YOUR REPORT!

IMMORTALITY! CAN IT BE TRULY SO?
THE ISLAND IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THICK MISTS! TO AVOID AN ATTACK BY SAVAGE CROCODILES, COPE PADDLED HIS DUG-OUT THROUGH THE MISTS AND SAW THE ISLAND!
HE DESCRIBES THE PEOPLE...STRANGE BUT NOT MENACING! ONLY ADULTS...THAT GIVES CREDENCE TO THEIR CLAIM OF IMMORTALITY! BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THEM, COPE SAYS, THAT ALARMED HIM, AND HE ESCAPED! HA, THE MAN'S A COWARD! HIS NERVES BETRAYED HIM!
EXCITEMENT COURSED THROUGH HARTLEY'S BODY...HIS EYES GLEAMED LIKE A WOLF'S...
THIS IS IT! IMMORTALITY! I BELIEVE THESE STRANGE PEOPLE MAY HAVE IT! A MAN'S ACCUMULATION OF POWER IS LIMITED BY HIS LIFE SPAN! WITH SHREWD MANAGEMENT, COUPLED WITH IMMORTALITY, AS THE GENERATIONS PASSED, I COULD EVENTUALLY CONTROL ALL INDUSTRY!
THEN WOULD COME CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT...CONTROL OF THE WORLD! I WOULD HAVE THE POWER I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF... AND FOR ETERNITY! I MUST MEMORIZE THIS MAP...THEN BURN EVERY SCRAP OF THESE NOTES!
HE MEMORIZED THE MAP, THEN BURNED IT WITH JIM COPE'S NOTES! THEN HE CALLED A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE...
BURNS? THIS IS ALEX HARTLEY! THERE IS A MAN WORKING FOR MY COMPANY NAMED JAMES COPE... I WANT YOU TO HIRE HIM AWAY FROM ME...OFFER HIM TWICE HIS PRESENT SALARY...I'LL PAY THE DIFFERENCE! THEN SEND HIM ON A JOB AS FAR AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY AS YOU CAN...
COPE WILL EVENTUALLY GET BACK... BUT HE'LL HESITATE TO TELL HIS STORY, FOR WHO WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A STRANGE TALE? NOW I MUST LEAVE, TAKING CARE THAT NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW MY TRUE DESTINATION!
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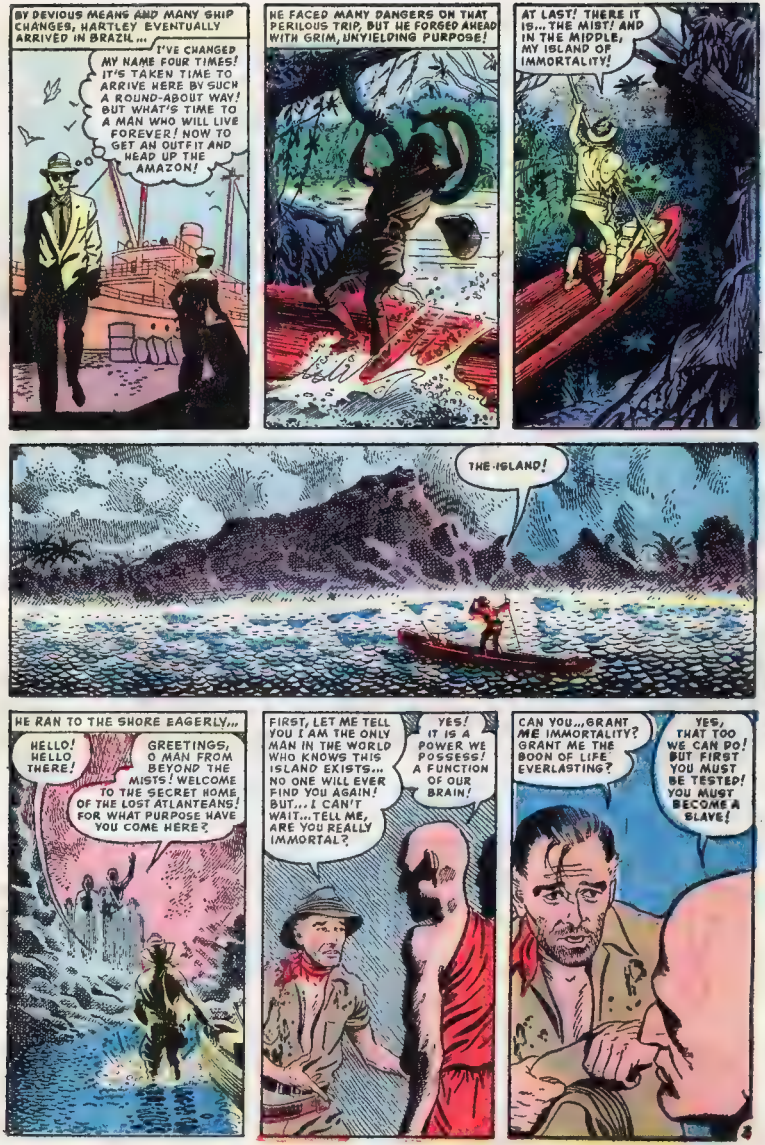
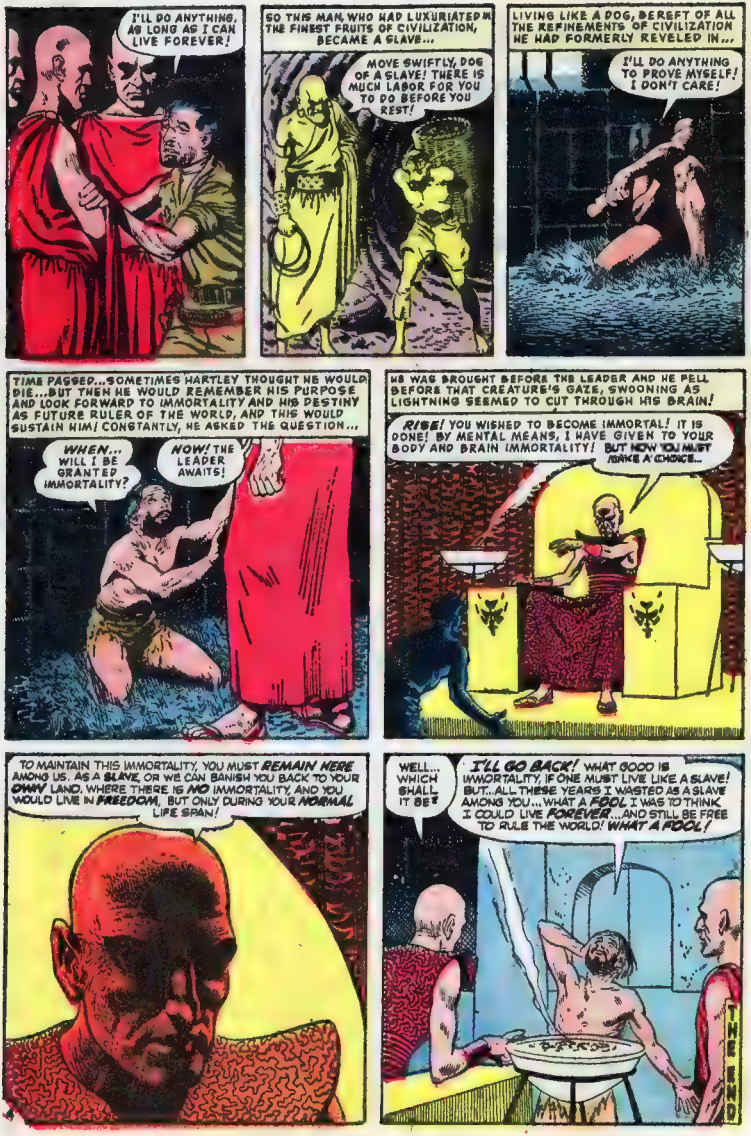

BY DEVIOUS MEANS AND MANY SHIP CHANGES, HARTLEY EVENTUALLY ARRIVED IN BRAZIL...
I'VE CHANGED MY NAME FOUR TIMES! IT'S TAKEN TIME TO ARRIVE HERE BY SUCH A ROUND-ABOUT WAY! BUT WHAT'S TIME TO A MAN WHO WILL LIVE FOREVER! NOW TO GET AN OUTFIT AND HEAD UP THE AMAZON!
HE FACED MANY DANGERS ON THAT PERILOUS TRIP, BUT HE FORGED AHEAD WITH GRIM, UNYIELDING PURPOSE!
AT LAST! THERE IT IS... THE MIST! AND IN THE MIDDLE, MY ISLAND OF IMMORTALITY!
THE ISLAND!
HE RAN TO THE SHORE EAGERLY...
HELLO! HELLO, THERE!
GREETINGS, O MAN FROM BEYOND THE MISTS! WELCOME TO THE SECRET HOME OF THE LOST ATLANTEANS! FOR WHAT PURPOSE HAVE YOU COME HERE?
FIRST, LET ME TELL YOU I AM THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD WHO KNOWS THIS ISLAND EXISTS... NO ONE WILL EVER FIND YOU AGAIN! BUT... I CAN'T WAIT... TELL ME, ARE YOU REALLY IMMORTAL?
YES! IT IS A POWER WE POSSESS! A FUNCTION OF OUR BRAIN!
CAN YOU... GRANT ME IMMORTALITY? GRANT ME THE BOON OF LIFE EVERLASTING?
YES, THAT TOO WE CAN DO! BUT FIRST YOU MUST BE TESTED! YOU MUST BECOME A SLAVE!


I'LL DO ANYTHING, AS LONG AS I CAN LIVE FOREVER!
SO THIS MAN, WHO HAD LUXURIATED IN THE FINEST FRUITS OF CIVILIZATION, BECAME A SLAVE...
MOVE SWIFTLY, DOG OF A SLAVE! THERE IS MUCH LABOR FOR YOU TO DO BEFORE YOU REST!
LIVING LIKE A DOG, BEREFT OF ALL THE REFINEMENTS OF CIVILIZATION HE HAD FORMERLY REVELED IN...
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO PROVE MYSELF! I DON'T CARE!
TIME PASSED...SOMETIMES HARTLEY THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE...BUT THEN HE WOULD REMEMBER HIS PURPOSE AND LOOK FORWARD TO IMMORTALITY AND HIS DESTINY AS FUTURE RULER OF THE WORLD, AND THIS WOULD SUSTAIN HIM! CONSTANTLY, HE ASKED THE QUESTION...
WHEN... WILL I BE GRANTED IMMORTALITY?
NOW! THE LEADER AWAITS!
HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE LEADER AND HE FELL BEFORE THAT CREATURE'S GAZE, SWOONING AS LIGHTNING SEEMED TO CUT THROUGH HIS BRAIN!
RISE! YOU WISHED TO BECOME IMMORTAL! IT IS DONE! BY MENTAL MEANS, I HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR BODY AND BRAIN IMMORTALITY! BUT NOW YOU MUST MAKE A CHOICE...
TO MAINTAIN THIS IMMORTALITY, YOU MUST REMAIN HERE AMONG US. AS A SLAVE, OR WE CAN BANISH YOU BACK TO YOUR OWN LAND, WHERE THERE IS NO IMMORTALITY, AND YOU WOULD LIVE IN FREEDOM, BUT ONLY DURING YOUR NORMAL LIFE SPAN!
WELL... WHICH SHALL IT BE?
I'LL GO BACK! WHAT GOOD IS IMMORTALITY, IF ONE MUST LIVE LIKE A SLAVE! BUT...ALL THESE YEARS I WASTED AS A SLAVE AMONG YOU... WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO THINK I COULD LIVE FOREVER...AND STILL BE FREE TO RULE THE WORLD! WHAT A FOOL!
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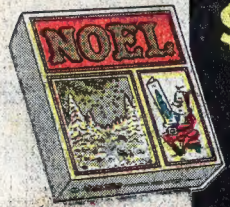

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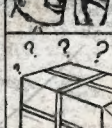

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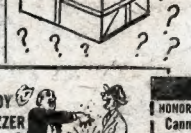

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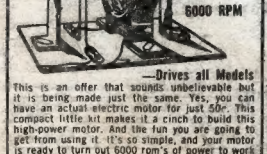

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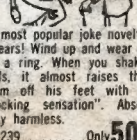

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